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1. About 1 July 1950 one army group of defected Nationalist General FU Tso-yi's former troops (approximately 100,000 men), under TUNG Chi-wu (董其武), arrived in Soochow from Suiyuan. The troops were mostly natives of Soochow and many are quartered with their families. The troops state that they will participate in the Taiwan invasion. They refused to be reorganized or to accept commissars* until after the invasion, and they still wear their old insignia.**
2. About mid-August the East China Naval Command received orders to send 7 gunboats to Fuldien in order to aid the 8 and 10 Army Groups to exterminate Nationalist troops on coastal islands. The vessels are believed to be about 100 tons each, and 4 are converted commercial ships.

* Comment. Presumably they refused to have political commissars assigned to their units.

** Comment. See concerning Communist intention of using former Nationalist troops in the Taiwan invasion. See and 25X1A concerning irregular troops to go to Central China to replace LIN Piao's forces.

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